

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 22, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:50 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman*
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler*
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Members Absent

Guests: Robin Rentsch

Interns: Elizabeth Scerbo
Deanna Berry
Herbie Hastie

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Elisa Lueck
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Ray Alexander
Mike Baird
Curt Dierdorff
Jim Duncan
Peter Furey
Tawny Hammond
Kirk Holley
Chris Hoppe
John Lehman
Leon Nowojchik
Barbara Nugent
Kay Rutledge
Don Sweeney
Bethan Timmes
Janet Tetley
Janet Weaver
Cindy Walsh

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Since there were no changes,

Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

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PRESENTATION**P-1 Introduction of Winter 2006 Interns**

The Park Authority Board welcomed three interns for the winter of 2006. Janet Tetley, Park Authority Intern Coordinator, introduced the interns, who will be working in the Park Services Division.

Elizabeth “Lizzy” Scerbo is a senior at James Madison University majoring in Recreation Studies and concentrating in Recreation Management.

Deanna Berry is a senior at Radford University majoring in Recreation, Parks and Tourism with a concentration in Recreation Management.

Herbie Hastie is a senior at East Carolina University majoring in Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Tetley also introduced the interns' mentors: Tawny Hammond and Janet Weaver, who have supervised a number of interns over the years and have added so much to the success of this program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Christopher J. Hoppe upon His Retirement from the Park Authority (with Presentation)**

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution honoring Christopher J. Hoppe upon his retirement; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kane read and Mr. Strickland presented the Resolution to Chris Hoppe. Mr. Hoppe thanked the Park Authority Board and staff.

ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Robin Rentsch for a Decade of Volunteer Service (with Presentation)

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution honoring Robin Rentsch for a decade of volunteer service; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kane read and Mr. Strickland presented the Resolution to

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Robin Rentsch. Ms. Rentsch thanked the Park Authority Board and staff and stated that she had not quit yet.

ADMIN-3 Resolution Honoring Curt Dierdorff for Outstanding Service to the Park Authority (with Presentation)

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution honoring Curt Dierdorff for outstanding Service to the Park Authority; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kane read and Mr. Strickland presented the Resolution to Curt Dierdorff. Mr. Dierdorff thanked the Park Authority Board and staff.

ADMIN-4 Resolution Honoring Long and Foster Real Estate Staff in Recognition of Their Volunteer Service (with Presentation)

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution honoring Long and Foster Real Estate staff in recognition of their volunteer service; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kane read and Mr. Strickland presented the Resolution to Ellen Lucas, staff representative from Long and Foster. Leon Nawojchik assisted in the presentation. Ms. Lucas thanked the Park Authority Board and Mr. Nawojchik.

ADMIN-5 Approval – Request for Land Dedication for Green Spring Manor Preliminary Plat, 5487-PL-002-1

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding the application for Green Spring Manor, 5487-PL-002-1.

Request the dedication of a .5 acre section of the applicant's property, located in the southeast corner of the proposed development, to the Fairfax County Park Authority. This area includes a wetland and additional open space which is adjacent to Green Spring Gardens. The wetland acts as a sponge and filter for a rare magnolia bog that is downstream within the park. By adding the wetland to Green Spring Gardens, the park will

be able to preserve this unique ecological feature, as well as the benefits it provides to the ecology of the park.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review - Fund 001, Park Authority General Fund

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the submission of the FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review for Fund 001, Park Authority General Fund to the Department of Management and Budget, as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review - Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the submission of the FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review for Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund to the Department of Management and Budget, as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-3 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request - McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc. - Falstaff Park

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000 for the installation of trees and landscape beds adjacent to the newly renovated playground at Falstaff Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-4 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request - McLean Hunt Estates Park

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the McLean Hunt Estates Civic Association in the amount of \$4,724 to reconstruct 3,000 linear feet of asphalt trails within McLean Hunt Estates Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-5 Scope Approval - Ossian Hall Park Phase 1 Improvements

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the project scope to design, permit and construct phase I improvements to Ossian Hall Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-6 Transfer of County-Owned Property Known as Mt. Gilead to the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve, by way of quitclaim deed, the transfer of the Mt. Gilead House and property, located on Tax Map 54-4 ((1)) 38A and containing 6.925 acres, from the Board of Supervisors to the Fairfax County Park Authority for park purposes, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-7 Approval of a Telecommunication License Agreement for APC Realty and Equipment Company, LLC, at the Confederate Fortifications Historic Site

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the license agreement between Fairfax County Park Authority and APC Realty and Equipment Company, LLC, to install telecommunication equipment and related structures at the Confederate Fortifications Historic Site, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**I-1 FY 2006 Second Quarter Budget Status as of December 31, 2005 -
Fund 001, Park Authority General Fund**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2006 Second Quarter Budget Status as of December 31, 2005 - Fund 001, Park Authority General Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

**I-2 FY 2006 Second Quarter Budget Status as of December 31, 2005 -
Fund 170, Park Authority Revenue Fund**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2006 Second quarter Budget Status as of December 31, 2005 – Fund 170, Park Authority Revenue Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-3 FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review - Fund 170, Park Revenue Fund

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review - Fund 170, Park Revenue Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

**I-4 FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review - Fund 370, Park Authority Bond
Construction**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2006 Third Quarter Budget Review – Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-5 Lee District Master Plan Revision Update

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Lee District Master Plan Revision Update. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Strickland reminded the Board Members of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority Board on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 232 at the Government Center. Mr. Kane distributed copies of the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Kane noted that the presentation incorporates comments from the Board Members and he has trimmed down the presentation so that the highlights represent the meat of the discussion, which hopefully will be on the request for an interim bond referendum.

Mr. Strickland asked the Board members to contact Mr. Kane if they have any changes.

Mr. Fay inquired about the land acquisition requirements listed in the Needs Assessment. Mr. Kane noted that he will have some very specific speaking points about the need for other developable properties in order to meet the facility needs that the agency has as a result of the needs study, over and above the 10%. Because recent land acquisitions have been for non-developable properties, the challenge is to find developable properties and turn them into opportunities for facility development at the cost and quantity considerably higher than what the agency will want to pay.

Mr. Fay reported that had asked Supervisor DuBois to discuss the proposed school land swap with Chairman Connolly when she meets with him later in the week. Mr. Fay stated that he would inform the Board of any additional information he may receive, and encouraged the Park Authority Board members to have discussions with their respective Supervisors prior to the joint meeting.

Director's Matters:

- **Oak Marr Golf Center Named Fairfax County's Favorite Golf Course**

Mr. Kane reported that Oak Marr Golf Center has been named Fairfax County's favorite golf course by the Times Community Newspapers in its annual readers' survey. The weekly newspaper chain, which has 12 newspapers and a circulation of 176,000 in Fairfax County, polled for the people's choice on everything from colleges and restaurants to grocery stores and golf courses. A Times representative attributed the popularity of Oak Marr's executive course to convenience, noting that it is a perfect match for the busy schedules of Fairfax County residents.

- **Cub Run RECenter Earns Another Accolade**

Mr. Kane reported that Cub Run RECenter has earned yet another accolade. This one is from the Virginia Chapter of the American Public Works Association (AWPA), which named Cub Run RECenter as the Project of the Year at its annual awards program. This award recognizes the partnership between the managing agency, the consultant, architect or engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

Awards are divided into five categories that include Emergency/Disaster Preparedness, Historical Restoration/Preservation, Structures, Transportation, and Environment. Each category is further divided based on the cost of the project from less than \$2 million to more than \$100 million. As you know, the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) managed the construction of the Cub Run RECenter on our behalf. They submitted the Cub Run RECenter in the "Projects of the Year" category.

Awards will be presented at the Chapter Conference on May 11, 2006 in Richmond, VA.

- **Park Trails Designated as Segments of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail**

Mr. Kane announced that trails in Riverbend Park and in Scott's Run Nature Preserve have been designated as segments of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST). In its letter dated February 15, 2006, the National Park Service noted substantial community support for the designation, recognition of the Trail in the County's comprehensive plans, and the connections between the trail in Riverbend Park and trails in Great Falls Park and on lands managed by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The National Park Service also agrees to assist with securing volunteer support to mark the route in Scott's Run Nature Preserve.

- **Park Authority's Celebration of African-American History Month**

Mr. Kane called attention to a memo in the Board Members' mail packets highlighting the Park Authority's celebration of African-American History Month.

February 28, 2006 marks African-American History Month and the Park Authority is joining with others across the nation to celebrate.

In 1926 Harvard Scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson organized the first annual Negro History Week, which took place during the second week of February. Woodson chose this date to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln - two men who had greatly impacted the black population.

Over time, Negro History Week evolved into the Black or African American History Month that

we know today - a four-week-long celebration of African American History.

The Fairfax County Park Authority invited citizens to explore the lives and times of people from Virginia's past and to discover the important contributions of African Americans as their history comes to life in the parks.

At Sully Historic Site, tours of the main house highlight the daily lives of the enslaved African Americans who worked and lived at Sully over 200 years ago. You can view a special exhibit featuring archaeological artifacts from the slave quarter excavation.

This past weekend programming provided *Hands-on History* that allowed visitors to help with activities once done by those enslaved at Sully. The contributions of Madam Juba and Patty, laundresses; Thornton, cook; Jack, plowboy; George, blacksmith; Billy, carpenter and others were highlighted.

You can still join in the musical excitement found at Sully on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at Banjos, Bones and Tales from noon-3 p.m. Enjoy a combination of music, storytelling and hands-on activity at this entertaining program on the evolution of the banjo – performed by Virginia historian, interpreter and musician Carson Hudson. Learn about early percussion instruments and try your hand at playing bones. Hear tales of the African American influence on music in early Virginia homes.

And in honor of this month's celebration, the Shades of Change program that took place on Monday at Frying Pan Farm Park, which helped citizens find out how school life in Fairfax County has changed over the last 125 years. *Shades of Change: The other side of Floris*, a 42-minute video, probed what life was like for students who attended the Floris Colored School. Topics include funding, transportation, curriculum, discipline, daily routines, field day, recess and, of course, homework.

- **Athletic Field Lighting Systems Specifications**

Mr. Kane noted that following a discussion at the last Board meeting regarding some purchasing issues with regard to athletic field lighting projects, staff will be bringing the performance specifications to the Board in March, as requested. The intent is that the agency will be moving forward with the performance specifications for detailed field layout based on field type, and ultimately to a blanket field purchasing contract for athletic field lighting. The agency hopes that this will be completed within six months.

- **National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Legislative Forum and the**

Mid-Year Meeting

Mr. Kane reported that in his capacity as a member of the Board of Trustees he attended the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Legislative Forum and the Mid-Year Meeting. Mr. Kane distributed copies of the legislative policy positions NRPA has taken this year in terms of the federal budget and federal legislation.

The president's proposed budget includes the elimination of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) on the state side and a portion of the LWCF from the National Park Service (NPS) budget. Last year the state side budget was restored to \$30M and NRPA's position this year is to request \$100M, but any funding would be welcomed because any elimination of that program would be the certain kiss of death forever for state side LWCF.

The list provided to the Board members also includes a number of legislative pieces on healthy lifestyles. This list was provided to the delegates for use in visits to their respective congressional representatives.

- **Annual Joint Board of Supervisors / Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Kane reminded the Board Members of the Annual Joint Board of Supervisors / Park Authority Board meeting on Monday, February 27, 2006 and asked that the Board members contact him with any changes or additions to the agenda.

FOR THE RECORD

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone had no Board Matters.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda had no Board Matters.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon had no Board Matters.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro had no Board Matters.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

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Mr. Feng had no Board Matters.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay indicated that he would like to meet with staff regarding the action taken in Closed Session on February 8, 2006 regarding the athletic field lighting. Mr. Strickland asked that Mr. Fay speak with Mr. Kane.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten indicated that he was pleased that Mr. Fay and Mr. Kane would discuss the athletic field lighting issue.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler had no Board Matters.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace reported that no decision, that he is aware of, has been made by the Department of Community and Recreation Services as to which fields would be receiving synthetic turf. Mr. Lovelace stated that the Park Authority should not let too much time pass before it begins to investigate the impediments that have been identified, particularly the site plan process. This is an issue that will probably need the Board of Supervisors' support.

Mr. Lovelace feels that the agency should be developing some sort of mechanism to allow that to happen. It is very important with regard to the timeframe as well as the reduction of development time by the Park Authority. The elements that can be curtailed to some degree need to be identified, as well as identifying the maximum amount of time the agency needs to do these sites. If the agency gets an increase in funding it should be able to show some planning, some willingness and good faith.

After discussion, it was decided that there are several issues including intensity of field use, how it affects the impact of a park facility on a neighboring community, the impact of moving forward with new artificial turf projects at the expense of our existing work plan or should there be a special category outside of the regular framework of what is already being done, and meeting the demand for artificial field should be discussed during an upcoming Planning and Development Committee.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow had no Board Matters.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie had no Board Matters.

- **Harold L. Strickland**

Mr. Strickland added that he had a draft of Standing Committee assignments. There are a number changes and they will be available on March 8, 2006.

- **Kevin J Fay**

Mr. Fay thanked Robin Rentsch for staying for the entire meeting and stated that she was one of the first volunteers he met when he became a member of the board. While resolution words are nice, they do not evoke everything they can. With that, Mr. Fay stated that if all the volunteers were of the quality, class and dedication that Ms. Rentsch had our lives would be so much easier, not to diminish the work of all the volunteers. Mr. Fay thanked her and congratulated her on her recognition.

Ms. Rentsch added that she is to ride the first horse over the horse ford on Difficult Run.

CLOSED SESSION – There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Ms. Malone being absent.

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
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